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Sir:

In response to the Official action of October 6, 2008, for which a reply is due by November 6, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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